

Amendments to the Specification

Please cancel the two paragraphs at page 7 lines 3-11, and insert the following two replacement paragraphs therefor:

~~These objects are achieved by the features of claim 1.~~ The method according to the invention allows a precisely controlled bonding step with short cycle time and high and constant quality of the output.

It is a further object of the invention to provide an apparatus which is suitable for carrying out the method according to the invention. ~~This object is achieved by the features of claim 10.~~ The apparatus according to the invention is simple, unexpensive and reliable.